

# **LAW ENFORCEMENT & JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

**January 7, 2009**

**9:00 A.M.**

Chairman O'Melia called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. in Committee Room #2, at the Oneida County Courthouse.

## **LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Chairman David O'Melia, Vice Chairman Peter Wolk, Member Paul Dean, Member Ted Cushing, and Member Jack Young.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Recording Secretary Jill Butzlaff, County Coordinator John Potters, Sheriff Jeff Hoffman, and Lieutenant Dan Hess.

Motion by Cushing to approve the January 7, 2009 agenda as posted, second was offered by Dean, all ayes on voice vote; the motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Dean to approve the December 17, 2008 minutes as presented, second was offered by Wolk, all ayes on voice vote; the motion carried 5-0.

## **MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION / ACTION:**

### **Sheriff's Department - Vacancy Review – Lieutenant/Compensation for non-represented employees**

Sheriff Jeff Hoffman was present and noted that Patrol Lieutenant Phil Schmidt has resigned. Hoffman stated it is important that the Department proceed with filling the position. Hoffman also stated concern that the Department was unable to retain an employee with over 21 years of service. Brief discussion followed regarding the posting and hiring procedure for Lieutenant.

Motion by O'Melia to approve filling the Lieutenant vacancy and forward the request to the Labor Relations and Employee Services Committee, second by Cushing, all ayes on voice vote; the motion carried 5-0.

The Committee clarified subsequent vacancies would require separate approval.

Hoffman distributed a memo to the Committee regarding a summary of Union and Non-Union benefits. Hoffman noted that Non-Union personnel do not have representation for their benefits. Brief discussion followed regarding the salaries and benefits of Non-Union and Union positions. Hoffman complimented the managers at the Sheriff's Department, and requested the Committee review the level of benefits for Union versus Non-Union employees.

### **Sheriff's Department - Update 1.30 of the County Code**

Sheriff Jeff Hoffman was present and requested this item be discussed at a future meeting. Hoffman noted various records are still being reviewed in the Department. Discussion was information only, no action taken.

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**Sheriff's Department - Disposition of Duty Weapon – 5.25 Oneida County Code**

Sheriff Jeff Hoffman was present and distributed copies of 5.25 of the Oneida County Code. Hoffman stated the code authorizes the Law Enforcement Committee to approve the sale of a duty weapon. Lieutenant Schmidt has expressed an interest in retaining his weapon, and the appraisal is \$275.00.

Motion by Cushing to approve the disposition of duty weapon to Lieutenant Schmidt at the appraised value of \$275.00, second by O'Melia, all ayes on voice vote; the motion carried 5-0.

**AUDIT OF ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENTS**

Following examination and discussion of all vouchers, BPO Reports, line item transfers, and other financial information submitted by law enforcement departments, the following motions were made:

Cushing made a motion to approve the Sheriff's Department line item transfer, second by Wolk, all ayes on voice vote; the motion carried 5-0.

Cushing made a motion to approve all vouchers, BPO Reports, and other financial information as presented, second by Wolk, all ayes on voice vote; the motion carried 5-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS/DISCUSSIONS/COMMUNICATIONS**

There were no other public comments or discussions.

**DISCUSS TOPICS FOR NEXT AGENDA / SET DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next regular meeting was scheduled for:

January 21, 2008      9:00 a.m.

Topics for next agenda:

Radio Project Update - Cushing

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before this committee, Cushing made a motion to adjourn with a second by Wolk, all ayes on voice vote; the motion carried 5-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

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COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

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COMMITTEE SECRETARY

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